



Response Under 37 C.F.R. 1.116  
Expedited Procedure  
Examining Group No.: 1644

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 09/867,159 Confirmation No. 5964  
Applicant : Emile Loria et al.  
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TC/A.U. : 1644  
Examiner : P. N. Huynh

Docket No. : 01-346  
Customer No. : 34704

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the office action mailed September 2, 2003,  
setting a three (3) month shortened statutory period for  
response which expired on December 2, 2003, and which has been  
extended three (3) months to March 2, 2003, amend the above-  
captioned application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims  
which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

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